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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
12 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
14 Plaintiff, ) No. 09 - 05355 SBA  
15 v. )  
16 APPROXIMATELY \$270,380 IN UNITED )  
17 STATES CURRENCY, )  
18 Defendant. )  
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**STIPULATION TO STAY PROCEEDING  
and [PROPOSED] ORDER**

20 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between plaintiff United States of America and  
21 potential claimants Billy and Connie Rainer, through undersigned counsel, that this action be  
22 stayed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(g) and 21 U.S.C. § 881(I).

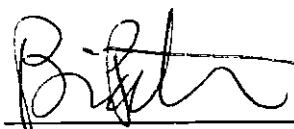
23 On July 1, 2009, potential claimants were arrested for allegedly growing marijuana on  
24 the property where the defendant currency was seized, and the criminal case is currently being  
25 prosecuted in the Superior Court for the State of California in Lake County. The allegations in  
26 the present forfeiture complaint are related to the allegations at issue in the related criminal  
27 indictment and, consequently, the parties agree that a stay in the forfeiture proceeding for 180  
28 days is necessary, because continuation of the forfeiture proceeding will burden the right of the

1 claimant against self-incrimination in the related criminal case and will adversely affect the  
2 prosecution of the related criminal case.

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4 IT IS SO STIPULATED: JOSEPH P. RUSSONIELLO  
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#### **ORDER GRANTING STAY**

16 UPON CONSIDERATION of the Stipulation to Stay, the entire record, and for good  
17 cause shown, it is by the Court on this 21st day of DECEMBER, 2009

18 ORDERED that the instant case be, and hereby is, STAYED, until JUNE 21,  
19 2010, at 9:00 AM pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(g).

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HONORABLE SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG  
22 United States District Judge  
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